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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A cosmetic composition comprising:

- (i) less than 10 wt% water
- (ii) fatty acid,
- (iii) ~~from~~ from 15 to 70 wt% of a structuring agent selected from the group consisting of glycerine monostearate, glycol monostearate and a combination thereof, and
- (iv) from 2 to 15 wt % fatty acid neutralized by an inorganic base,
- (v) an optional emulsifying agent/surfactant, said emulsifying agent/surfactant consisting of cetyl alcohol,

wherein the fatty acid has a chainlength of from 14 to 22 carbon atoms, and
wherein the cosmetic composition is suitable for forming a skin cream or lotion on hydration when the composition is mixed with water at a temperature of from 0 to 35°C at a weight ratio of from 1:3 to 1:20.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of neutralised fatty acid is from 2.5 to 8 wt%.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the structuring agent is glycerine monostearate.

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Claim 4 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of fatty acid is from 5 to 90 wt% based on the total amount of fatty acid and structuring agent.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the hydrocarbon chainlength of the fatty acid is 16 to 18 carbon atoms.

Claim 6 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of structuring agent is from 15 to 75 wt% on total weight of the composition.

Claim 7 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the total amount of fatty acid is from 5 to 80 wt% on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, which further comprises an ingredient selected from the group consisting of ~~emulsifying agent~~, other structuring agent than glycerine monostearate and glycol monostearate, emollient oils and waxes, humectants, functional ingredients, preservatives, antioxidants, chelating agents, perfume, colouring agent and a combination thereof.

Claim 9 (Previously presented): Method for the preparation of a composition according to claim 1, wherein an inorganic base, a fatty acid and a structuring agent selected from the group consisting of glycerine monostearate and glycol monostearate and a combination thereof are mixed, heated to a temperature from 80 to 120 °C, cooled to a temperature below 40 °C and formed into a powder, tablet or amorphous mass.

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Claim 10 (Previously presented): A process of hydrating a composition according to claim 1 to form a skin cream or lotion, wherein the composition is mixed with an aqueous base at a temperature of below 80 °C.

Claim 11 (Original): A process according to claim 10, wherein the temperature of the aqueous base is from 0 to 35 °C.

Claim 12 (Previously presented): A process according to claim 10, wherein the composition and the aqueous based are mixed together in a weight ratio of from 1:3 to 1:20.

Claim 13 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the fatty acid is selected from the group consisting of myristic acid, palmitic acid, stearic acid and mixtures thereof.

Claim 14 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the structuring agent is a mixture of glycerin monostearate and glycol monostearate.

Claim 15 (Previously presented): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the inorganic base is potassium hydroxide.

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Claim 16 (Currently amended): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the fatty acid is selected from the group consisting of myristic acid, palmitic acid, stearic acid and mixtures thereof; the amount of neutralised fatty acid is from 2.5 to 8 wt%; the structuring agent is a mixture of glycerin monostearate and glycol monostearate; and the inorganic base is potassium hydroxide.

Claim 17 (New): The method according to claim 10, wherein in the composition, the fatty acid is selected from the group consisting of myristic acid, palmitic acid, stearic acid and mixtures thereof; the amount of neutralised fatty acid is from 2.5 to 8 wt%; the structuring agent is a mixture of glycerine monostearate and glycol monostearate; and the inorganic base is potassium hydroxide.

Claim 18 (New): Cosmetic composition according to claim 1 wherein the composition is in the form of a powder.